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Agricultural Burning Season Is Now Closed

EMERY, CARBON, GRAND AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES

Closed Fire Season? What does this mean to you? In order to use fire for agricultural purposes outside any city limits you need a permit and to notify the appropriate authorities. "Closed Fire Season" is an annual event every year between June 1st and October 31st. However, should the Utah State Forester deem it necessary he can close the fire season early in the spring or keep it closed later into fall.

Before using fire, private land owners should contact the Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Land office in Moab for a "no fee" permit. It's a class B misdemeanor to use fire without a permit during "Closed Fire Season". Next, the land owners should contact the local county sheriff's office and let them know they will be using fire for agricultural purposes. The sheriff's office will need to know when and where the fire will be used. If anyone sees smoke in the air, be sure the dispatch office will get calls.

If smoke is sighted by anyone and the appropriate contacts have not been made, community, state and federal resources may be dispatched to your fire. Should there be any expenses associated with those resources making a visit to your burn location, you could be responsible for those costs. So be sure to contact your local sheriff's office.

Before you start your project you should have tools such as shovels and a running supply of water in the case of a mishap. Don't put fire on the ground without ample help. You can never have too many helpers. Call immediately if there is a problem. Don't wait to see if you can catch it, you could be off to the races.

Once you have completed your burn, you should call the county sheriff office one last time to let them know you are through.

By coordinating with the appropriate authorities, acquiring the "no fee" permit and by making the proper arrangement for help, tools and water, you will be prepared for a successful project and local resources will be ready if something should go wrong.

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